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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	) :	Examiner: J. C. Wang
HIROKI YONEZAWA, ET AL.	) :	Group Art Unit: 2628
Application No.: 10/684,401	) :	Confirmation No.: 4363
Filed: October 15, 2003	) :	
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD	) :)	June 13, 2008

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and in response to the final Office Action dated March 14, 2008, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: